THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Manufacture of Tribexin

612. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited entered into a contract with a private company for the manufacture of Tribexin without assessing the potential demand for the drug in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 33 per cent of the drug procured from it could be sold in the market;

(c) whether it is also a fact that nearly Rs. two and half lakh are still outstanding with the private company against which no supplies have been received so far; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to recover this amount from the private company and dispose of the surplus stocks of the drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. got the drug manufactured by M/s. Gharda Chemicals at the instance of the Government of Rajasthan and on the basis of an assessment made by the company for the possible demand for the drug from other States.

(b) Out of the bulk purchased, IDPL got manufactured 11.57 lakhs of vials of which 58 per cent had been sold.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The company is taking appropriate action to protect its interest in regard to the un-sold stock.

Proposal to open New Post Offices

613. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to open some new post offices and upgrade some existing post offices in 1988-89;

(b) if so, what is the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Orissa during the above period; and

(c) how many existing post offices are proposed to be upgraded in Orissa in 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the assessment made so far, 60 new post offices may be opened in Orissa Circle during 1988-89.

(c) No existing post office in the Circle is likely to be upgraded during 1988-89?

चन्द्रशेखर आजाद के सम्मान में स्मारक डाक टिक

614. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या संचार मंत्री 5 अगस्त, 1987 को राज्य सभा म अतारांकित प्रश्न 1301 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या चन्द्र शेखर आजाद के सम्मान में कोई स्मारक डाक टिकट निकाला गया है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार उनके सम्मान में इस वर्ष ऐसा डाक-टिकट निकालने का विचार रखती है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री और संचार मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : चन्द्र शेखर आजाद पर एक विशेष डाक टिकट 60 पैसे के मूल्यवर्ग में 27.2.1988 को पहले ही जारी की जा चुकी है ।